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WE PLEDGE TO OUR FALLEN LEADER

FTA mourns the passing of Franklin D. Roosevelt more deeply than words can tell. We feel that the best tribute we can pay to him is to solemnly pledge to redouble our efforts in support of his program—military victory over the fascist powers, lasting peace, an end to discrimination and the right to work and to a good life—not only for ourselves, but for all the peoples of the world.

We pledge to our new President, Harry S. Truman, that we will support him to the full in his difficult task of leading the fight to achieve the Roosevelt program, and we will lend our efforts to strengthen the unity of all groups in our Nation behind this program.

We pledge to our men and women on the battle fronts that the home front will close ranks with renewed determination and with unwavering unity with them, to achieve the great goals for which we all fight—a world of peace and plenty for all peoples.

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Win Elections In 13 Citrus Sheds In California

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By Luisa Moreno, Regional Director

Redlands, Cal.—An important victory was scored by the Citrus Workers Organizing Committee on April 17, when FTA won NLRB elections in 13 citrus packinghouses in the Redlands-Riverside district—a victory that lays the basis for extending organization among 5,000 men and women employed in the world's largest navel orange district.

Two months ago, a citrus worker from Redlands called the CWOC Regional office, saying: "There's a packinghouse on strike here. The workers want the Union. We want you to send someone right away. The strike may spread to other houses." We then explained that the first step must be the immediate return of the workers to their jobs; that labor's no-strike pledge, whether in oranges or shipyards, must be kept inviolate. We would send somebody.

On the following Sunday, a Cunningham, Co-chairman of CWOC, in front of Redlands Fox Hotel. They wanted a union in no uncertain terms.

DON'T STRIKE—ORGANIZE!

Raising the slogan of "Don't strike — Organize" FTA conducted a whirlwind drive and petitioned for NLRB elections in most of the area's packinghouses. Two months later, the Union won collective bargaining rights in 7 houses in Redlands, 3 in Riverside, 2 in Highland, and one in Bryn Mawr.

The CWOC staff, headed by Cunningham, was enlarged to include Int. Reps. Hershel Crow, Dave Forbes, Isidro Armenta, and CWOC Secy. from Lindsay, Lorena Jump. They were assisted by Int. Vice-Pres. Dixie Tiller and Luisa Moreno. However, the work of the staff would have been unsuccessful had it not been for the corps of volunteer organizers among the citrus packing workers themselves. Members and nonmembers rallied to meetings and called for a "yes" vote. AFL Teamsters who had intervened in the hearings withdrew prior to the elections.

VOLUNTEER ORGANIZERS

Special mention is due Josephine Horn, Alma Tovar, Johnnie Jackson, Alma Haggard, Ralph Hargrove, Alice Peterson, Gib Bolt, Bill Bracken, Albert Stockton, Harry Rasmussen, Lewis McKenzie, Bob Heath, Jim Horn, Crystal Quintana, Anna and Rose Vaca, Eddie Albretton, Marcia Love, Anna Hawkins, Ida Ryan, J. G. Smith, Mose Cleveland, and to the many others who gave their time and energies to build a union for the general welfare of the Redlands-Riverside citrus workers and their communities.

Winning the 13 NLRB elections is but a first step for further progress. CWOC has the job ahead of consolidation and expansion in the Redlands-Riverside area. After NLRB certifications arrive, contract negotiations are next on the agenda.

Increases Won In Three Texas Packing Sheds

Mercedes, Texas—For the first time in the history of the Rio Grande River Valley, Local 35 won time-and-a-half overtime pay after 8 hours of work for the fruit and vegetable workers at Trulyn Shippers, Woffard and Parkhill, and Mission-Pharr sheds. The contracts, which were signed in April, cover more than one thousand workers.

In addition, hourly wage rates were increased as much as 10c per hour, establishing a minimum hourly wage of 60c after the 12-day trial hiring period. Wage increases in all classifications are subject to approval by the National War Labor Board.

Workers at Trulyn Shippers and Woffard-Parkhill won additional benefits such as: seniority rights for seasonal employees giving workers with highest seniority the first opportunity to work the following season; machinery for handling grievances; and 3 hours call-in pay.

Double time will be paid for the seventh consecutive day of work, time-and-a-half pay for working on Christmas, New Years, Thanksgiving, Labor Day and the Fourth of July. Employees on the payroll for 6 months or longer will receive 3 holidays with pay.

NO DISCRIMINATION

Non-discrimination clauses in the contracts bar the employers from discriminating against any worker because of race, creed, age, sex, national origin or union membership. Provisions were made for merit increases.

Pointing out the importance of these contracts in stabilizing employment and increasing efficiency in the packing shed industry, the Union is requesting NLRB elections in 60 other sheds in the Valley.

FTA Backs President Truman

15 **Charleston, S. C.** — "We pledge to you our loyal support to see that Franklin Delano Roosevelt's program is carried out. He shall not have labored in vain," said Local 15 in a wire to President Harry S. Truman.

By Reuel Stanfield, President

19 **Memphis, Tenn.**—The death of President Roosevelt was a decided shock to the members of Local 19. We sincerely pray that the San Francisco Conference will be all that he planned it to be.

Local 19 joins the nation in backing President Harry S. Truman. We pray that just as President Roosevelt's mantle of office fell to him, that the guiding spirit of President Roosevelt will also be the guiding spirit of Harry S. Truman.

By John Mack Dyson, President

22 **Winston-Salem, N.C.** — Upon the news of President Roosevelt's death, a black-bordered special edition of Local 22's newspaper, "The Worker's Voice," was issued.

"At this time of deep mourning there is but one course for us to follow," it said. "That is to carry out Roosevelt's program and pol-

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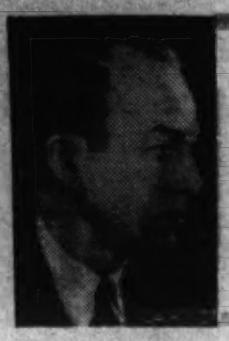

FACING OUR PROBLEMS

By DONALD HENDERSON,
General President

LABOR IN SAN FRANCISCO

MAY Day is International Labor Day. May Day, 1945, finds labor with world-wide organization and power and world-wide responsibilities such as we have never had before.

Today labor can celebrate the successful founding of a World Labor Congress representing practically all organized labor throughout the world, with the exception of the A.F.L.

This world-wide organization of labor is primarily the result of the bitter lessons, struggles and successes of the past ten years in the struggle against fascism. Labor is united today and is more strongly organized than ever precisely because it faced the necessity for strong organization in order to support our armed forces and our government to carry out a program of victory against the fascist forces everywhere.

This victory against fascism on the battlefield is substantially won, though much remains to be done and concluding military victory remains our number one job.

May Day, 1945, finds us, however, in the midst of responsibilities to ourselves, our communities, our nation and to the world. A Peace still has to be written; a world security organization still has to be established; a world economic program, based on Bretton Woods to guarantee economic prosperity and 60,000,000 jobs, still has to be brought into existence.

Our Responsibilities

THROUGH our World Labor Congress, through our Congress of Industrial Organizations, through our International Union, and through our Locals, each of us has the responsibility of giving guidance, understanding and leadership so that first of all our members will be alert and mobilized for action for aiding the Big Three in writing the peace terms, for securing at San Francisco a world security charter or constitution based on Dumbarton Oaks proposals, and for securing the world-wide economic institutions based on Bretton Woods.

It is precisely because labor has world-wide organization and power, and because labor more than anyone else must have peace and economic security, that each of us must be able to give understanding and leadership, not only to our own members and to labor, but to other elements in the community and to the comon people as a whole.

San Francisco

THE leaders and members in every local of FTA have the responsibility for giving leadership and helping to guarantee the successful conclusion of the drafting of a world peace charter or constitution at San Francisco.

A great deal of confusion exists concerning the job at San Francisco. This confusion is partly the result of groups who want to wreck San Francisco.

San Francisco has one basic fundamental job: to complete the draft constitution or charter of a world security organization based on the proposals worked out and agreed to by the Big Three at Dumbarton Oaks and Yalta.

It does not have the job of writing the peace terms.

It does not have the job of settling the boundary problems of the various countries throughout the world. It does not have the problem of solving the postwar economic problems.

It is in the nature of a world-wide convention to draft a charter or constitution, which will later be ratified by the participating nations.

Like our own Constitutional Convention in 1787, it may from time to time get deadlocked over various problems, but the common people and labor throughout the world must insist that it stay in session until it succeeds in drafting such a charter or constitution.

Labor throughout the world must give leadership to the common people everywhere in our communities and on a world-wide scale. We must see to it that our delegates and the delegates of all countries stick to their task and that no forces or groups be allowed to muddy the waters or create obstacles to the fulfilling of this necessary job.

FROM WASHINGTON

Truman's Policies

By ELIZABETH SASULY, Legislative Director

"TO WIN this war wholeheartedly, unequivocally and as quickly as we can is our task of the first importance. To win this war in such a way that there be no further world wars in the foreseeable future is our second objective. To provide [illegible] decent standard of living for our men in the armed forces after the war, and for all Americans, are the final objectives."

— Franklin D. Roosevelt

IN OUR sorrow and shock at the loss of President Roosevelt, we can gather strength and courage from the words quoted above. They express the goals for which he lived and died—for which we must live and work.

All FTA members have been asked to take a special pledge to "redouble our efforts in support of his program" and to support [illegible] President in his "task of leading the fight to achieve the Roosevelt program." The meaning of this pledge is that each individual must assume more responsibility.

We believe it would be fitting and proper for every local to communicate with President Truman, informing him of this pledge and giving him the assurance that he has the backing of the American people in achieving our common goals.

During his first week in office, President Truman has made it clear that he will carry out the Roosevelt policies. His first message to Congress included these statements:

Fight For Peace

"Germany and Japan can be certain, beyond any shadow of doubt, America will continue the fight for freedom until no vestige of resistance remains . . . It is not enough to yearn for peace. We must work, and if necessary, fight for it . . . I appeal to every American, regardless of party, race, creed or color, to support our efforts to build a strong and lasting United Nations organization . . . There will be no relaxation of our efforts to improve the lot of the common people . . . "

Domestic Issues

President Truman followed this by making an aggressive statement in support of Dumbarton Oaks, Bretton Woods and the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act. On domestic issues, he has endorsed the Missouri Valley Authority bill, and last week, stated that if he were in the Senate he would put his name on the Murray-Thomas Full Employment Bill.

Highlights from his record as a Senator from Missouri reveal further his position on issues vital to the nation —

He voted for cloture in the fight to prevent a filibuster against the Anti-Poll Tax Bill; he has supported FEPC; he was a sponsor of the Kilgore Reconversion Bill; and he led his famous investigation committee in a vigorous battle for total mobilization for war.

Tell It To Congress

The time has come for a concerted and steady campaign of letters to Congress on the issues of the day. Important measures are bogged down in committee or threatened by filibuster. The people must give leadership. Start with these:

Foreign Trade and Jobs (Bretton Woods—H. R. 2211)

Republicans in House Banking and Currency Committee are stalling this. Jobs for workers, markets for farmers and businessmen, prosperity for all countries are at stake.

ACTION: Mobilize membership and community to tell Congress that bill must pass as is.

Reciprocal Trade (H. R. 2652)

Expands foreign trade, through lower tariffs, thus increasing the demand for labor.

ACTION: Write your Congressman to support this bill. Tell him to blast the phony argument that trade cuts down jobs at home.

Missouri Valley Authority (S. 555)

Sets up a "TVA" for industrial development and flood control in 9 states. Hearings now before Senate Commerce Committee.

ACTION: Write your Senators to support.

FEPC (H. R. 2232, S. 101)

To set up a permanent Fair Employment Practices Commission with teeth. Battle now going on in Rules Committee over whether to send HR 2232 to floor of House. Senate bill is still in Committee on Education and Labor.

ACTION: Write Chmn. Sabath, House Rules Comm., to report HR 2232 out. Write Chmn. Murray, Senate Education and Labor Comm., to do same with S. 101.

65c Minimum (S. Con. Res. 11)

Sets WLB substandard minimum wage of 65c per hour.

ACTION: Urge your Senators to press for Senate approval.

FTA Backs President Truman

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icies for peace so that the things for which he, as well as millions of men and women in the armed forces, have fought and died, shall be achieved — the complete defeat of the fascist forces in the world, and a permanent and lasting peace.

"History must not be allowed to repeat itself. We cannot allow the traitors to triumph as they did in the tragic period following the death of another great leader — Abraham Lincoln.

"The peace must not be lost. We must go forward with Truman to the full realization of a real and lasting peace."

26 Suffolk, Va.—In a resolution to President Harry S. Truman, Local 26 pledged him its "complete support by keeping our no-strike pledge, keeping the workers on the job for all-out production to win the war and a just and lasting peace.

"We are confident," the resolution continued, "that you will carry out your responsibility to the Nation and the United Nations according to the plans of our late President."

By Beatrice McCrea, Bus. Ag.

55 Middletown, Ohio — Grief and bitter tears were shown among the P. Lorillard workers, members of Local 55, upon hearing of President Roosevelt's death. The plant was closed in mourning the day of his funeral.

Franklin D. Roosevelt gave labor a real legacy — freedom from fear. We must do the things he planned for world peace.

By Jennie Stiver, Reporter

64 San Diego, Calif.—Local 64 [illegible] untimely death of Roosevelt, in a wire to President Truman, and pledged full support to Truman in "carrying out FDR's progressive peoples' program."

By Robert Galvan, Secretary

72 Findlay, Ohio — Labor has lost a great friend by the death of President Roosevelt. Local 72 pledges its support to President Truman in every way.

By Arthelma Wilson, Reporter

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"Meet FTA" — A Pamphlet with Punch

A REAL welcoming hand is extended to new members of FTA through a new pamphlet just issued called "Meet FTA."

Aiming to acquaint new members with the purpose and program of the Union, "Meet FTA" is a valuable source of information for members of long standing, too. Attractively illustrated with cartoons, the folder goes about explaining the history of FTA, where the local fits into the International picture, and how the International relates to the CIO.

"Who pays for FTA?" is answered by an outline showing a breakdown of each member's dues, and the services the local receives in return for paying per capita.

"Your contract is your economic bill of rights," the leaflet declares, going on to point out the function of a contract and the provisions it covers.

Locals may secure bundles of "Meet FTA," free, by ordering them from the International Office.

FTA Opens National Education Department

Philadelphia, Pa.—In order to help the leadership of the locals solve the practical day-to-day problems that face them, FTA has set up a new Education Department under the directorship of Connie Anderson, formerly Research Director of the Union.

This new department aims to help the locals answer such problems as: how to improve the handling of grievances; how to set up committees to make the local run smoothly; how to make membership meetings interesting so that the entire membership will turn out; how to help new members get into the swim of local activities; the ways and means of dealing with government and management agencies, our relations with other community organizations in solving veterans problems, legislative action, etc.

ACTIVITIES

Some of the immediate activities our new Education Director has mapped out are:

● One-week summer trade union schools for leaders of the locals in the various regions. Here is where the local leadership will get a chance to collectively sink their teeth into some of the "how's" and "why's" mentioned above.

● Developing educational programs in the local unions and regional councils through local Educational Committees.

● Arranging special courses for FTA locals located near trade union schools.

● Issuing pamphlets and mimeographed materials such as the FTA Guide for Local Union Officers, FTA Notebook, "Meet FTA"; supplying materials issued by the labor movement and other progressive organizations, as well as lists of movies available for educational purposes.

Our new Education Director, Connie Anderson, is eager to assist the locals in solving their problems, and every local is urged to cooperate with this new department in order to get the maximum aid possible.

CONNIE ANDERSON

CIO Launches Annual Wage, PAC Campaigns

Washington, D. C.—Meeting here on April 12, the CIO Executive Board voted unanimous support for the new labor-management charter, for a program of CIO-PAC activites pointed toward the 1946 elections, and for an all-out educational drive on the guaranteed annual wage.

Political Action Committees will be set up in each State and city CIO council, the Board decided. "These committees shall be the agencies of the CIO to carry out its program of political education and political action both among the membership of the CIO, and, in cooperation with other progressive community groups and organizations, among all the people of their communities," the Board stated.

Action on the annual wage program called for a special CIO research committee, appointed by Pres. Philip Murray, to work with the special group set up by Pres. Roosevelt recently to study the question.

FACTS AND FIGURES

All CIO affiliates will be called on to supply this special committee with facts and figures on their industry in relation to annual wage possibilities, and will work with the CIO Research Department.

In endorsing the labor-management charter signed by the CIO, the AFL and the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, the Board said:

"The CIO Executive Board wholeheartedly approves this charter and authorizes President Murray and the other CIO representatives to serve on the national committee which is to be established under this charter to participate in its work and seek to accomplish a full implementation of the principle set forth in the charter."

WOMEN'S DIRECTOR

The Board, which met one day before the Administration Committee of the World Labor Conference, met Helen Blanchard, newly hired Director of Organization for the CIO Women's Auxiliaries and adviser to CIO Organization Director Haywood on organization of women in the CIO.

Following the instruction to CIO councils to set up State and community Political Action Committees, the Board endorsed plans to:

● Appoint at least one person from each international to keep in touch with the top PAC and direct the work of local PAC's within the international.

● Conduct a drive for liberalization of voting laws and regulations in the 48 States and secure maximum registration, working with other progressive groups.

● Center immediate activity on such issues as Bretton Woods, Dumbarton Oaks, extension of social security, full employment, 65c minimum wage, and others as they come up.

● Organize a series of regional meetings during May and June to bring these plans and programs up to the attention of all CIO members.

In addition, the Board endorsed plans for a series of pamphlets, to be issued monthly, and distributed for a yearly subscription of 50c. A CIO committee, to be appointed by President Murray, will supervise content and preparation of the pamphlets.

On finances, the Board approved a plan to raise $250,000 from CIO union treasuries, pro-rated among the internationals. A drive for voluntary contributions from CIO members and their friends will also be undertaken.

FLASH
Win Elections In 4 Plants

Recent NLRB elections were won by FTA at the following plants and packinghouses:

● California Vegetable Growers, Blythe, Calif. 25 for FTA, 1 for no union and 7 for AFL.

● Eaton Farms, Blythe, Calif. 14 votes for FTA and 1 for no union.

● Colorado River Farms Blythe, Calif. 2 for FTA and 1 for no union.

These three plants are engaged in packing and marketing fresh fruits and vegetables. The elections, petitioned for by Local 78, were won on March 15.

● An election petitioned for by Local 80 was won at the G. D. Ellis Can Co. in Camden, N. J., by a vote of 16 for FTA to 10 for no Union.

Off to a start: At their first Union meeting on Feb. 25, these volunteer organizers, workers in the citrus packing sheds in Redlands, Calif., started the ball rolling for FTA's Citrus Workers Organizing Committee in the area. The first fruits of their campaign burst into bloom on April 16, when 13 citrus sheds in the Redlands-Riverside district went Union in NLRB elections. (See story on Page 1.) The volunteer organizers above are, left to right: Mary Gonzales, Helen Gaston, Josephine Horn, Alice Peterson, Ralph Barrecklow, Eddie Albright, Duke Cunningham (CWOC Co-Chairman), Jim Horn, Philis McMasters, Al Spanger, Susie Jackson, Ida Ryan and Gilbert Boldt. *(Picture by Johnnie Jackson, CWOC.)*

People Of The World Listen To San Francisco

San Francisco, Calif. (FP)—Hopes of the common people of the world hang in the balance as delegates of more than 40 United Nations meet to decide whether this generation, having waged the world's greatest war, can do as well in peace.

Every race, every tongue, every creed but fascism is represented as the nations debate the proposals of Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin for an international organization to nip aggression in the bud, to prevent wars and to become a laboratory for the discovery of means to make a world where no one will need or want to fight.

Proceedings of the opening sessions are filled with the formalities and with the presentation of the plans proposed and already under worldwide discussion. Little of the meat of the conference is likely to come until objections, amendments, counter-proposals, have gone through the mill of committee meetings and come back for adoption or rejection.

Along with the committee meetings and the formal debates here, discussions are going on in every town and hamlet in America and in the world.

Women's clubs, business clubs, schools, radio forums, newspapers, but above all labor unions and their press are bringing the details of this proposed world security organization to the common people, telling them how it is planned not only to stop fighting but to prevent it. Not only to prevent wars, but to prevent their causes by working to create a better living for the population of the entire world.

Standing over the conference is the figure of the late Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt, conceded the chief architect of the world peace plan. But even larger figures loom above the delegates: the millions of dead—soldiers, civilian workers, children dead of starvation, foes of fascism tortured to death.

It is not for the phony "peace in our time" of Munich that San Francisco works. It is for the peace for generations that Pres. Roosevelt sought.

Letter-Writing Contest

Have you written a letter to your Congressman?
Send a copy of it to the NEWS today.
Best letters will win big prizes!
Contest ends July 4, 1945.

Dumbarton Oaks Proposes a World Organization That . . .
FOSTERS FREEDOMS
SEEKS PEACEFUL SETTLEMENTS
PROMOTES PROSPERITY
ENCOURAGES NATIONS TO COOPERATE
MAKES PLANS TO CONTROL ARMAMENTS
DECIDES ON MEASURES TO KEEP THE PEACE
ADVANCES SOCIAL PROGRESS
INVESTIGATES DISPUTES BETWEEN NATIONS
TAKES MILITARY ACTION

From the Advance via Federated Pictures

What Our Leaders Say About Dumbarton Oaks

WILL humanity go forward to better living conditions, greater developments in sciences and arts and greater enjoyment of the fruits of life? Or will we go back to barbarism and be plunged into another war, more horrible and costly than any other wars in history? The answer lies in the Dumbarton Oaks plan now being discussed at the San Francisco United Nations Conference.

Here is what our leaders have said about the Dumbarton Oaks plan:

FDR "For the second time in the lives of most of us, this generation is face to face with the objective of preventing wars. To meet that objective, the nations of the world will either have a plan or they will not. The groundwork of a plan has now been furnished, and has been submitted to humanity for discussion and decision.

"No plan is perfect. Whatever is adopted at San Francisco will doubtless have to be amended time and again over the years, just as our own Constitution has been. I am confident that the Congress and the American people will accept the results of this conference as the beginning of a permanent structure of peace upon which we can begin to build, under God, that better world in which our children and grandchildren, yours and mine, the children and grandchildren of the whole world must live and can live."—*Pres. Roosevelt to Congress, March 1, 1945.*

TRUMAN "We will face the problems of peace with the same courage that we have faced and mastered the problems of war. In the memory of those who have made the supreme sacrifice—in the memory of our fallen President—we shall not fail.

"It is not enough to yearn for peace. We must work and, if necessary, fight for it. The task of creating a sound international organization is complicated and difficult. Yet, without such organization, the rights of man on earth cannot be protected. Machinery for the just settlement of international differences must be found. Without such machinery, the entire world will have to remain an armed camp. The world will be doomed to deadly conflict, devoid of hope for real peace.

"If wars in the future are to be prevented, nations must be united in their determination to keep the peace under the law. . . . I appeal to every American, regardless of party, race, creed or color, to support our efforts to build a strong and lasting United Nations organization."—*Pres. Truman, speech to Congress, April 16, 1945.*

CIO "American labor, because it has always been in the forefront in the fight against fascism, has a great responsibility to see that the fight stays won, to educate itself on the basic principles of our foreign policy and then to join with other patriotic citizens to impress upon Congress the will of the American people.

"The month of April will see the representatives of the United Nations meeting at San Francisco to hammer out the final form of a world security organization. After that it will be up to Congress, particularly the Senate, to ratify the San Francisco decisions, and it will be up to the American people to insist that they do so."—*CIO Pres. Philip Murray's call to make April United Nations month in all local unions.*

WORLD LABOR CONFERENCE—"Organized labor, with so great a part in winning the war, cannot leave to others—however well-intentioned they may be—the sole responsibility of making the peace.

"The peace will be a good peace, an enduring peace, a peace worthy of the sacrifices by which it has been won, only if it reflects the deep resolves of the free peoples, their interests, their desires and their needs."—*From the Call To All Peoples, issued by the World Trade Union Conference.*

Labor Represented In Security Parley

Labor movements of many United Nations are represented on the staffs of their nations' delegations to the San Francisco world security conference.

CIO Pres. Philip Murray and AFL Intl. Rep. Robert J. Watt are consultants to the U. S. delegation. Assistants to Murray are CIO Sec.-Treas. James B. Carey and Editor Harry Read of the Michigan CIO News. Assistants to Watt are Pres. Robert Byron of the Sheet Metal Workers Intl. Assn., Sec. C. J. Haggerty of the California Federation of Labor and AFL Regional Director Daniel Flanagan.

Also in San Francisco is the advisory board of the new World Trade Union Conference, recently established in London, of which the CIO is a part. Watt is a member of the governing bodies of the Intl. Federation of Trade Unions and the Intl. Labor Organization, with which the AFL is affiliated.

What Peace Must Bring:

THE PEOPLE of the world know what President Roosevelt meant when he stated the aims of peace. A Yugoslav child, three years old, with the body of a baby of one. An aged couple poking through the ruins of their bombed home in Britain. A Polish Jew seeing a relative's bony body dragging along behind a dead cart in the Warsaw ghetto. Jobless American workers eating in a breadline. These are the things that must be driven from the world, President Roosevelt said. (Federated Pictures.)

FTA Backs President Truman

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80 Camden, N.J.—"To us, the death of President Roosevelt is a personal loss," wrote Local 80 in a letter to President Truman.

"We are doubly encouraged by your program to carry forward his program, and we pledge our unqualified and whole-hearted support to you in the difficult path that lies ahead."

By Anthony Valentino, Pres.

91 New Orleans, La.—Local 91 sent a wire to President Truman expressing its grief at the death of President Roosevelt and pledging "entire support to President Truman with good faith."

By Katie Scott, Reporter

110 Cedar Rapids, Iowa — The members of Local 110 feel that in the death of President Roosevelt we have lost a man that was 100% for the common people. His death is a tragedy in the full sense of the word.

Now that Harry S. Truman is President, most of us feel, from his speeches, that he will be a friend of all the people. I personally feel that President Truman has the making of greatness embodied in him.

By Agnes Dvorak, Reporter

120 Akron, Ohio — It is with deepest sorrow that we, members of Local 120, received the shocking truth of the death of Franklin Roosevelt. Hearts were heavy, and voices were hushed as our members went about their daily tasks, realizing they had lost their best friend, and the greatest humanitarian this nation has ever known.

To President Truman, we pledge our complete loyalty and support in helping win the war, and in securing a just and lasting peace.

By James N. Billings, Reporter

186 Philadelphia, Pa. — A telegram was sent to President Truman from Local 186 pledging "support in carrying out President Roosevelt's program of winning the war, achieving a lasting peace, and putting into effect his program for 60 million jobs."

By George Ardelean, President

193 Glenolden, Pa.—We mourn the loss of our great President Roosevelt, and pledge ourselves to support Harry S. Truman in his efforts to follow President Roosevelt's ideals.

By Samuel Crawford, President

194 Chicago, Ill. — Local 194's membership meeting on April 15 was dedicated to the memory of President Roosevelt.

"His faith in Democracy, and his untiring efforts in the cause of peace and the destruction of the fascist hordes will be enshrined in the hearts of his countrymen forever," read the announcement of the memorial meeting. "Local 194 pledges itself to the principles that he so gallantly championed. Goodbye Mr. President; the American people and our membership have lost a true and trusted friend."

The membership voted full support to President Truman in carrying forward the policies of President Roosevelt.

By John Gallacher, President

283 Greenville, Miss.—Local 283 mourns President Roosevelt's death. We feel that his place can never be filled, and we pledge our whole support to President Truman.

By Clarence Simpson, Reporter

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PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN

Truman Began As A Worker

Washington, D. C. (FP)—The thirty-second President of the U. S., Harry S. Truman, is a man of humble origin with a working class background. Born on a farm near Lamarre, O., May 8, 1884, Truman lacked funds to attend college and worked his way through school by taking a porter's job in a Kansas City drug store.

Later he worked in the mail room of the Kansas City star, then moving to a job in a bank. Discouraged by his slow progress, Truman returned to his father's farm, where he was living when World War I broke out. He sailed to France as lieutenant and was promoted to captain soon afterward.

With the armistice, he returned home and put his war savings into a Kansas City men's clothing store. It failed and he turned to politics.

POLITICAL CAREER

Through the years, Truman advanced from highway overseer to county judge. He studied law and won the nomination to the U. S. Senate in 1934.

Once in the national picture, Truman's hard work attracted attention and he was named head of the Senate committee investigating war contracts.

As head of the Truman committee he demonstrated a capacity for leadership and a thoroughness that won him national recognition. The investigation under Truman brought direct and indirect benefits through exposure of shortages in aluminum, rubber, steel, zinc, lead and manpower. The committee was widely credited with having stopped looseness and corruption in the execution of war contracts and its work made Truman a logical candidate for the vice-presidency in the Democratic convention in 1944.

HITS HARD

Quiet and unassuming, with a simple, down-to-earth manner of speech, Truman avoids sensationalism, but hits hard when he knows he is right.

As President, the new chief executive is expected to lean heavily on the people . . . to absorb from them his strength and to look to them for guidance.

Loyal in his affiliations, a man of and for the people, Pres. Truman has asked for the support of all Americans, and the help of Almighty God.

Will Follow FDR Policy

Washington, D. C. (FP) — In his first public pronouncement since taking the oath of office, Pres. Harry S. Truman assured Congress and the nation April 16, that the war program so skillfully designed under the hand of the late Pres. Roosevelt will be carried through to victory.

Appearing before a joint session of Congress, Truman called for an end to isolationism, and for unity at home.

In a word to liberals, the new chief executive said "we have labored long and hard to achieve a social order worthy of our great heritage. In our time, tremendous progress has been made toward a really democratic way of life. Let me assure the forward looking people of America that there will be no relaxation in our efforts to improve the lot of the common people."

World Trade Union Body Mourns Roosevelt

Washington, D. C. (FP)—Sessions of the administrative committee of the World Trade Union Conference were adjourned April 13 out of respect to the memory of the late Pres. Roosevelt, and the group issued a formal statement mourning his loss.

The statement, signed by all members of the committee now in the U. S., said the committee "records with a deep sense of loss its grief at the death of Pres. Roosevelt, stricken with tragic suddenness in the hour of victory for the cause to which he dedicated all his outstanding powers of leadership . . .

"The visiting delegations to this administrative committee share with their American colleagues their sorrow at the grievous blow that has fallen upon the people of the U. S., and on the whole democratic world. They share, too, with them the thankfulness and pride that the United Nations have been led so far on the road to victory by such men of high courage, strength of purpose and clearness of vision as Franklin D. Roosevelt, to whom the ideals of democracy and freedom are principles calling for the fullest measure of devotion.

"Conscious that Franklin D. Roosevelt fell in battle for the rights of the common man, this administrative committee pays tribute to his memory in the name of the World Trade Union conference, and pledges the organized millions represented at the conference to continue the fight in the spirit which inspired and guided the life and work of Franklin Delano Roosevelt."

Murray Pledges CIO Support To Truman

Washington, D. C. (FP)—In a letter to Pres. Harry S. Truman April 13, CIO Pres. Philip Murray promised the support of the organization he heads in order to carry out to completion the domestic and foreign program "which our lost leader has so brilliantly and skillfully charted."

Murray's letter in the name of the CIO executive board, said, "We know that the fulfillment of this program is your deepest desire and responsibility. Neither domestic nor international division or partisanship must be permitted to jeopardize the monumental task which history now places within your stewardship.

"The fruits of the late Pres. Roosevelt's brilliant victories are within our grasp. Cooperation and union alone will see them safely harvested. In the name of the Executive Board of the CIO, I extend to you our pledge that we shall not flag in our determination to work with you so that those tasks may be successfully accomplished."

LABOR, under Roosevelt, found a welcome at the White House such as it had never since Lincoln's time. Here the President receive a group of CIO seamen who came to invite him to address a meeting. Among them is CIO Vice-Pres. Joseph Curran, President of the National Maritime Union (partly hidden, at right). (Federated Fictures.)

PEACE PLANNER: President Franklin D. Roosevelt at Teheran with Marshal Joseph Stalin and Prime Minister Winston Churchill when they planned the coordinated efforts that are bringing victory to the United Nations and laying the foundations for the coming peace.

Celebration of a 20 thousand dollar back-pay award is the occasion for this happy gathering of part of Local 57's membership employed by the Southern Biscuit Company in Richmond, Va. As part of the evening's program, movies were shown, and the membership reaffirmed its aim of becoming a 100% organized shop. They are already very near the 100% mark. Shown in the first row (reading l. to r.) are Local officers: Secy.-Treas. Pete Murphy, Int. Rep. Max Sussman, Rec. Secy. Lottie Davis, and Vice-Pres. Adele Ellis. (President Joe Stanley was absent due to illness in his family.)

Local 57 Wins 7½c Raises At Biscuit Plant

By Max Sussman, International Representative

Richmond, Va.—"If you like them apples, then help shake the tree" is the slogan of Local 57 in its drive to build a 100% organized plant at the Southern Biscuit Company. And they have nearly reached their goal.

A live-wire local, Local 57, recently celebrated a back pay award on April 6th amounting to $20,000.00. This back pay was part of a general raise retroactive to December 1, 1944. The workers are now getting 7½c more per hour, and will receive an additional 2½c on June 1. Two-week vacations with pay were given to workers with 5 years' seniority, and one-week vacations with pay for those with one or more years' seniority.

OTHER GAINS

Other gains made are overtime pay, holiday pay, 5c shift differential for work done after 6 o'clock for the second shift, and check-off of dues.

A sharp decline in absenteeism and tardiness on the job has been achieved since the coming of the Union, a Company representative informed Int. Rep. Max Sussman. And labor-management relations have been of the finest. Grievance Committee members, Adele Ellis, Henry Dillard and Local President Joe Stanley, report 100% results in all the grievances handled.

WAR ACTIVITIES

Labor and management have been working closely together to get the Seventh War Loan Drive off to a flying head start. As a result of an $897.00 contribution to the Community Fund Drive, Southern Biscuit employees received the prized 100% Blue Feather Award. And, during the Red Cross War Fund Drive, the workers topped their own $600 quota by more than $14.50 additional.

Recent delegates to the Tri-State Regional Council conference on April 7 and 8 were Pete Murphy, Secy.-Treas.; Adele Ellis, Vice-Pres.; William Smith, and Int. Rep. Max Sussman.

Give $1,000 To War Fund Campaigns

Richmond, Va. — United effort behind the war was demonstrated by the membership of Local 45 employed at the Larus Company Stemmery and the Export Leaf plant when they contributed a total of $485.50 to the Red Cross Fund drive.

Local 45 members employed at the Larus Stemmery also topped their quota in the Community Fund Campaign by contributing $507.30.

A musical program arranged by the Educational Committee was presented by Local 45 at the union hall on April 27. The program consisted of The Weary Traveler's Quartette, a trio, a flute solo, and several other solos and readings. Friends and families of the membership heartily enjoyed the program. Members of the Educational Committee responsible for the affair were Charles McClaiborne, Jeanette Roach, Carrie Monroe, Gladys Randolph, and Margaret Betts.

— NEW LOCAL —

357 Lockport, N. Y. — Most recent addition to FTA is Local 357 which received its charter on April 24. The Local has a collective bargaining contract covering 25 production and maintainance workers employed at Laucks, Incorporated.

Local 357 officers are: Arthur W. Volschow, Pres.; William J. Rooney, Secy.-Treas.; and Ammon Boyer, Chief Steward.

WLB Orders Pay Raises At Consolidated Cigar

Camden, N. J.—Upholding Local 80's demand for wage increases for the workers at the Consolidated cigar plant, the War Labor Board on April 13 granted increases ranging from 1c to 5c an hour, retroactive to Sept. 11, 1944.

The Company argued aginst wage increases on the grounds that cigars had been cut in price from 10c to 8 1/3c. However, the Union pointed out that there had been no change in the content, quality or skill in the making of the 8 1/3c cigar.

As a result of the retroactive wage increases, workers in the filler shaking department, for example, will receive back pay awards of more than $50 each.

Increases in the wages of piece rate workers was also ordered by the Board, to be negotiated at a future meeting between the Company and the Union. In the event that they cannot agree, the Board will make the final decision.

A new progression schedule in hiring rates was also worked out, giving new employees a wage increase of 10c over the first 60-day period after hiring

OTHER GAINS

Two-week vacations were granted to employees who have been on the payroll 5 years and more.

Other improvements ordered by the Board was a raise in reporting pay from 2 hours to 4 hours; time and one-half for Saturday work, including weeks in which there are holidays; and 2 large and prominent bulletin boards for the use of the Union at each entrance of the plant. The Company's request to discontinue paying overtime for work after 8 hours was denied by the Board.

Employees who are no longer with the Company shall receive the back pay to which they are entitled.

Increases Won in Two American Tobacco Plants

Charleston, S. C.—Local 15 held a victory dance April 27 in celebration of a 5c an hour general wage increase granted by the WLB to the workers at the American Tobacco plant. Comparable wage increases were ordered for piece-rate workers to keep their earnings in line with hourly earnings.

The minimum wage was increased 6c per hour, and apprentice rates were increased 5c per hour. "Where there are ranges," the Directive Order stated, "Five cents shall be added to the minimum and maximum of the present ranges." All wage increases are retroactive to December 15, 1944.

Relief for piece-rate workers and check-off of dues were also approved by the WLB.

Local 15's request to reopen the question of wage increases at a hearing on June 15 was agreed to by the Board.

Reinstate Men on Jobs

Memphis, Tenn. — "I always knew that the CIO was the worker's friend," said Joseph Beverly, Local 19 Shop Chairman at the Carradine-Karsch plant. Joe, along with two other active FTA members at the plant, John Rixter and Jack Walton, were unjustly discharged by the management, according to Business Agent Joseph Hellinger. The Union took the case to Arbitrator Whitley McCoy, University of Alabama Professor of Law, and the workers were returned to their jobs and awarded $200 apiece in back pay for the time lost.

Another indication of the Union's strength was the $6,000.00 in back pay awarded the workers at the Royal Feed Mill. The Local 19 Negotiating Committee, under the chairmanship of Eddie Strong, also won a 4½c an hour increase in pay, a non-discrimination clause in the new contract, and one-week vacations for one year plus two weeks for five years. Back pay checks averaged 60 to 70 dollars per worker.

Benefits Won in Philadelphia Plant

Philadelphia, Pa. — Retroactive wage increases ranging from 1c to 5c an hour, an improved vacation plan, and increased overtime pay were some of the gains won by Local 186 through a WLB Directive Order issued April 23 for the workers at the American Tobacco plant here. Wage increases were ordered retroactive to May 5, 1944.

Piece-rated workers are to get increases that compare with the increases awarded hourly-paid workers.

VACATIONS

One-week vacations, with pay computed at 2% of the annual straight time earnings, were awarded employees with 1 year of service. Employees on the payroll for more than 6 months will get 3 days' vacation with pay computed at the 2% rate. Employees on the payroll for more than 5 years will get two weeks, with pay computed at 4% of the annual straight time earnings.

Two hours call-in pay was agreed to, with the day last counted as a day worked in the computation of overtime pay. Similarly, holidays not worked will be counted toward overtime pay as a day worked. And, such overtime pay is retroactive to August, 1944.

In Memory of Franklin D. Roosevelt

By Jennie Stiver, Reporter, Local 55

Far greater than man, is the spirit of man,
Far greater than flesh and decay;
His deeds will live on, and lead on and on,
While the flesh will vanish away.

He gave his life to a war-torn world;
No share of greed filled his heart.
Faith and love and charity
Were his weapons from the start.

We need not stint our neighbor
That we might prosper more;
Good neighbors and good fellowship
He taught us o'er and o'er.

The light of his spirit will guide us
Down the unknown pathway dim.
Through vastness, newness and changes
In memory, let's walk with him.

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Industrialists Endorse Labor-Management Pact

Philadelphia, Pa.—Endorsement of the principles of the Labor-Management Charter drafted by the CIO, AFL and U. S. Chamber of Commerce were made recently by representatives of two of the largest manufacturers under contract with FTA. W. M. Meek, Assistant Director of Industrial Relations of the Quaker Oats Company, and P. H. Gorman, Director of the American Tobacco Company, told FTA of their keen interest in the historic Charter.

Echoing the sentiments of hundreds of forward-looking businessmen, Mr. Meek said: "An intelligent, open-minded and cooperative application of these principles to the practical problems of employer-employee relationships can result in a vastly increased benefit to all concerned—labor, management and the public."

In similar vein, Mr. Gorman of American Tobacco said: "As to the basic objective of labor-management peace, it is my belief that attainment of this objective is dependent upon the integrity of both management and labor, the sincerity of both management and labor in negotiating agreements and the recognition by both management and labor of their respective responsibilities to abide by and carry out agreements once entered into.

DIGNITY OF INDIVIDUAL

"In all this, both management and labor should, I believe, keep always in mind that the independence and dignity of the individual and the enjoyment of his democratic rights are inherent in our free American society."

FTA, along with other CIO affiliates, was among the first to hail the Labor - Management Charter as a major step toward the achievement of the goals of prosperity, unity and industrial peace.

FTA has collective bargaining agreements with five Quaker Oats plants and two American Tobacco plants.

CIO Urges End To AFL Jimcrow

Philadelphia, Pa.—Condemnation of Jim Crow practices was voiced by the CIO executive board on April 12 in a resolution urging the NLRB to take strong action against the AFL Tobacco Workers International's violation of democratic principles.

The CIO board, in this resolution, upheld the NLRB trial examiner's report which recommended that the AFL tobacco union in Richmond, Va., disband a Jim Crow local of the Larus and Brothers tobacco plant or have its certification removed. The case had been brought to the attention of the NLRB by Local 45 on behalf of the Negro workers in the plant.

On Feb. 27, the NLRB trial examiner blasted the AFL for leaving the Negro workers out in the cold in its agreement with the Company. If accepted by the NLRB, the trial examiner's recommendations will have a sweeping effect in the South, where the AFL has notoriously discriminated against its Negro membership.

The NLRB's action in this case, said the CIO resolution, "will represent a vital test of the Wagner Act at a time when this country is engaged in a bitter struggle for democracy and against racial discrimination."

Backing up the CIO board's resolution, letters to the NLRB, urging strong action on the Larus case, were sent by John Green, President of the CIO Shipbuilding Workers Union, and Lee Pressman, CIO General Counsel.

FTA Backs President Truman

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349 Harviell, Mo. — A special meeting of Local 349 was called on the death of President Roosevelt at which a message of condolence was sent to Mrs. Roosevelt signed by 150 workers.

Thousands of share croppers and agricultural workers were shocked at the news of the death of their champion. All eyes are now upon President Truman and we stand ready to fight side by side with him to maintain the principles and policies for which President Roosevelt gave his life. We stand ready to fight to the last ditch against any reactionary forces that seek to destroy these policies.

By Zella Whitfield, Reporter

Memphis, Tenn. — Delegates from Kentucky, Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee met at the regular meeting of the Southern Mississippi Valley Council where all thoughts turned to the recent passing of President Roosevelt. Each delegate expressed the need of bringing the ranks of labor closer together in order that we continue to progress along the path laid out by Roosevelt.

The Council adopted a resolution of support to President Truman "in his determination to shoulder the mighty burden of Commander-in-Chief and to fulfill the objectives of his great predecessor."

By Frank Hargrove, Reg. Dir.

New Orleans, La. — FTA locals in this area, Locals 91 and 93, deeply mourn the passing of President Roosevelt. We are pledged to support President Truman in his adoption and carrying out of Roosevelt's policies.

By P. G. Fourcade, Int. Rep.

Middle Atlantic Council, Philadelphia, Pa.—"The FTA Middle Atlantic Area Council, representing 5 thousand members, pledge their support to you in carrying out the responsibilities which fall upon your shoulders upon the death of our beloved President and Commander-in-Chief, Franklin D. Roosevelt," read a telegram sent by the Council to President Truman.

Area Councils In Action

Southeast

Orlando, Fla.—Following up on recent organizational improvements, the Southeastern Area Council met on April 1st to map out further plans for consolidating the locals. Delegates to the meeting were William Fischer and Donella Sanders of Local 23; Taylor Snead, Sam Carter and Clarence Walton of Local 100; John Lackner, Regional Director, who represented Local 9, and Regional Secy.-Treas. Anne Mathews.

Reg. Dir. John Lackner, who presided at the meeting, discussed the need for increased political action on local issues as well as national issues.

In Florida, many groups are trying to do away with discriminatory "white" primary elections. All union members were urged by Lackner to register and carry on a campaign among Negro members and communities to register in order to be fully prepared for participation in the next primary.

To put into effect a good program of political action, as well as accomplish economic gains in the union, it is necessary to get the members out to meetings, Int. Rep. Anne Mathews pointed out. Planning interesting meetings with speakers, films, refreshments, etc., is one way to involve more members, as well as the rest of the community. Locals 100 and 23 have already mapped out a program of regular movies at every meeting.

Tri-State

Winston-Salem, N. C. — "Full Support of the War Effort and International Cooperation" was the theme of the Tri-State Area Council meeting held here on April 7 and 8. Twenty-two delegates were present representing FTA locals in Winston-Salem, Charlotte, N. C.; Richmond and Suffolk, Va.; and Charleston, S. C.

Taking action on current national issues, the Council sent telegrams urging Congressional support for the Bretton Woods proposals, the passage of a permanent FEPC, and the abolition of the poll tax. A telegram was sent to the U. S. delegation to the San Francisco Conference urging them to be vigilant against forces who would try to sabotage the plans for a world security organization by supporting crippling amendments.

Enlarging the Council Executive Board, Bea McCrea, Local 26 Business Agent, was elected Rec. Secy. of the Council. Reuel Stanfield, Pres. Local 15; Int. Rep. Max Sussman; and Robert Black of Local 22 were elected Trustees. Viola Barnes, Local 26; Mary Smoak, Local 15; and Pete Murphy, Local 57, were elected Members - at - Large. The Executive Board will meet once between regular Council meetings.

Middle-Atlantic

Philadelphia, Pa. — Addressing the delegates to the Middle Atlantic Area Council meeting on April 15, FTA Pres. Donald Henderson spoke on the role of the CIO at the San Francisco Conference. He stressed the importance of rank and file members studying the Bretton Woods and Dumbarton Oaks proposals in order to see that our Congressmen act correctly upon these proposals.

Delegates present were: Andrew Dotterman and Florence Yeager, Local 638; Robert Landis, Harold LeFever, Local 101; Charles Munn, George Ardelean, and James Otto, Local 186; Anna Layton, Antoinette Sharp, Anna Magee, and Pauline Mickle, Local 60; and Emma Renzi and Josephine Wojciechowski, Local 111. Guests at the meeting were Pres. Henderson; FTA Education Director, Connie Anderson; Bertie Selden, Editor FTA News; Franz Daniel, PAC Regional Director and Joseph McCann, CIO Sub-Regional Director. Regional Director Lewis Bentzley presided.

Daniel spoke on the need for redoubled effort on the part of labor in political action since the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt. He emphasized the need for strong PAC's in each local.

Urging the locals to take advantage of the opportunity to get together and solve common problems, Education Director Connie Anderson outlined plans for the summer school to be held in the area for local union leaders.

An extensive program of organization was mapped out for the area.

A resolution was passed supporting the Labor-Management Charter drafted by CIO Pres. Philip Murray, AFL Pres. Wm. Green, and Chamber of Commerce Pres. Eric Johnston. The Locals agreed to get management support for the charter in their respective plants.

GREAT AMERICAN TEAMS
TEAMWORK ALL-WAYS WINS
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Rutgers beat Princeton, 6 goals to 4, in the first college football game in 1869. There were 25 men on each team, and the ball could not be carried—it had to be kicked.
A HILL ON BOUGAINVILLE
The "collective display of courage, combat efficiency and devotion to duty" by a unit of 12 Philadelphia soldiers in defense of a hill on Bougainville Island prevented a Japanese break-through that might have seriously threatened American airfields and other vital installations.
For this, the heroic infantrymen received the Presidential Citation. Also holders of the Combat Infantryman Badge, among the 12 in the unit were Sgt. Bill Elia, Corp. Chester Williams, Pfc. Morris Gabow and Pfc. Tom Rossi.
Fighting side by side and for each other, they are Americans All —Catholic, Jew and Protestant. This display of TEAMWORK must be matched at home, where Americans All can work and live TOGETHER, and build better for a future free of a World War III.
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FLASH

Win Election at General Cigar

Perth Amboy, N.J. — By a vote of 109 to 42, FTA Local 105 won an NLRB election at the General Cigar plant here on April 26. Success was achieved with the help of workers from the General Cigar plant in New Brunswick, where Local 105 is already negotiating for a first contract.

Some of the leaders of the Perth Amboy plant are Irene Olax, Antoinette Gorechlad and Margaret Kocsis. They were assisted by Regional Director Armando Ramirez.

Eager Beaver

MAIL CALL

"WE servicemen are confident that the unions on the home front will continue to do everything in their power to fight for a speedy victory and the kind of peace we all want," writes Pfc. Seymour Press, Local 194 member, from the European Theater of War.

"We are counting on them to take the responsibility for helping war veterans re-establish themselves in civilian life, both as wage earners and as citizens.

"FTA can be proud of its achievement in bolstering the material of war with its all-out production of food and smokes for the Armed Forces. In fact, all of labor has achieved a wonderful record of production, with only about 1 day out of 3 years lost in time spent on strikes.

"We soldiers are behind Secy. of Commerce Wallace's 60 million job program and count on the homefront to put it into action."

"I JUST received the news of the results of the Fifth National Convention," writes Pvt. Earl Campbell, Local 186 member.

"It was of interest to me, and I approve the decisions made 100%. I am a strong believer in the Union, and it was good to hear what's going on.

"Ever since the beginning of November I have been with the 80th Division, whose activities I'm sure you've been reading about in the papers."

In Memoriam

FTA mourns the death of Sgt. Kenneth R. Werning who was killed in action in Germany on March 24. Kenneth was 20 years old, a member of Local 110, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

UNION MEN IN UNIFORM

Army Publication Tells Troops Facts About The Soviet Union

Washington, D. C. (FP)—The Newsmap, issued by the information branch, Army Service Forces, for the week of March 26, carries a detailed and illustrated story of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

A weekly publication, the huge map is issued to all army posts, camps and to units overseas. The armed forces edition carrying the story on Russia is not distributed domestically.

The current issue says: "There are two main reasons you can't afford to ignore the Russians:

"In war—our own troops do not have to face the millions of Germans who have been killed or captured on the eastern front or who are struggling to stop the Red Army on the road to Berlin. German forces on the eastern front greatly outnumber those on the west.

FORCE FOR PEACE

"After the war—the USSR will be one of the big forces in determining whether there is to be any real peace and security for the future.

"Almost matching the size of the Soviet Union, though, is our ignorance about it. Yet, because we are fighting the same war and seeking a sure peace, we need to know more about the USSR, its strength, its ideas and its people.

"What is the meaning of some of the words we use when we talk about the Russians? Soviet actually means 'council' in Russian. The Supreme Soviet is a legislative body representing the group of republics called the USSR. Strictly, the word, 'Russia', is now only in the name of the 'Russian Federated Soviet Republic', by far the largest republic.

WHO ARE COMMUNISTS

"'Communist' is not properly applied to all Russians. The Communist party membership is only 3% of the population. Since it is the only legal party, it has great power, its members being the political organizers with the most influential positions in government, industry, the army and the professions.

"Red was the color of the Revolution's flag and now means as much to the nation as 'Stars and Stripes' does to us. It is contrasted with the conservative 'White' forces who fought the Reds."

Further on, the Newsmap article asks: "In what ways are Americans and Russians similar?" In answer it says: "There are certainly differences, but in many ways the Russians are more like us than any other people.

"We have been called a 'melting pot' nation. The Soviet Union has nearly 200 national and racial groups. If you saw the orientation film 'Battle of Russia', you will remember the different types there—all 'Russians'.

"Both of us live in countries where there is plenty of space and raw materials, resulting in 'big' ideas leading to tremendous industries and vast farmlands. Like us, the Russians go in for sports, movies, gadgets, music and literature. Men from the two lands get along very well when they meet.

"Russians have great confidence in the future, too. They are confident now that the upward march they began before the war will be resumed. Meanwhile, like us, they know that the menace of aggression must first be ended and are fighting hard and well to accomplish that job."

The article points out that the USSR is 2½ times the size of the U. S. and occupies "about one-sixth of the world's surface. While the U. S. has a population of 131,669,275 (1940) the Newsmap estimates that the USSR has 192,695,710 and before the war it had 1½ times the U. S. figure.

It is also stated by the Newsmap that while the U. S. army has over eight million soldiers, the USSR has an estimated 15 million in the Red army.

Heroic Job: To keep up American morale in the German camp at Bad Orb where he was a prisoner, Pfc. John H. Dunn, jr., Federated Press news editor on leave, organized forums and other activities which made life bearable for the men living there until they were liberated by American troops. Older than most of the other GI prisoners, Dunn had been in the infantry for two years and was one of several thousand American soldiers captured by the Nazis last December. (Federated Pictures.)

THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN LABOR

World Labor Unity

By DR. PHILIP FONER

This is the seventh of a bi-weekly series on American labor history written for FTA NEWS and Federated Press by Dr. Philip Foner, an instructor at the Jefferson School of Social Science in New York.

THE same era which marked the beginnings of important steps to forge an alliance of American workers regardless of their sex or color also witnessed a significant advance in international labor solidarity. While the revitalized American union movement was surging forward to obtain shorter working hours and better living standards, the workers of Europe, under the leadership of the Intl. Workingmen's Assn., were engaging in magnificent struggles for political and economic democracy.

These struggles were carefully reported in the American labor press. Fincher's Trades Review announced on April 8, 1865: "We are about receiving at this office all the foreign publications representing the labor question among our foreign brethren. Extracts will continue to be made from their pages and such exertions made as will eventually secure a GRAND UNION OF ALL THE WORKING TRADES OF THE WORLD."

The Arbeiter-Union, organ of the General German Workingmen's Assn. formed by German socialist and communist unionists in New York, echoed this call for international labor unity. "The solidarity of the working classes of both hemispheres has long been evident," it declared. "The sufferings of one are the sufferings of the other, and there are common causes for the suffering of both."

Identical Interests

Progressive labor leaders like William H. Sylvis, Richard Trevellick, William Jessup, etc., also raised the cry of international labor unity. Sylvis declared over and over again that "the interests of labor are identical throughout the world" and Trevellick emphasized that the labor movement was not "bounded by any geographical definition. In Switzerland, Scotland and Ireland the great work of progress is heard and going on."

Sylvis strongly favored the affiliation of the Natl. Labor Union with the Intl. Workingmen's Assn. In 1869 he received, as president of the NLU, a letter from the general council of the IWA urging the American labor movement to use its influence to prevent a war between Great Britain and the U. S. over the Alabama Claims. The appeal, written by Karl Marx, concluded:

"Yours is the glorious task of seeing to it that at last the working class shall enter upon the scene of history, no longer as a servile following, but as an independent power, as a power imbued with a sense of its responsibilities and capable to command peace where their would-be masters cry war."

Common Struggle

In his response Sylvis again stressed the need for international labor solidarity. Labor's struggle, he wrote, was a common one the world over. "It is a war between poverty and wealth; labor occupies the same low condition and capital is the same tyrant in all parts of the world." In behalf of the working people of the U. S. he extended the right hand of fellowship to the international and "to all the downtrodden and oppressed sons and daughters of toiling Europe."

The death of Sylvis in 1869 from overwork in the cause of the labor movement was a great loss to international labor unity. After his death the Natl. Labor Union at its 1869 convention voted to send a delegate to attend the Basle congress of the Intl. Workingmen's Assn. A year later, at its 1870 convention, the NLU announced that it "declares its adherence to the principles of the IWA, and expects to join the said association in a short time." This expectation was never realized.

Marked Advance

Organizational contact with the IWA was established by socialist groups in this country, which became American sections of the International. All in all, therefore, the era of the 1860s and 1870s did see a marked advance in international labor solidarity. American workers came to realize that the interests of working people the world over were similar. They saw the need for organizational contact among the labor movements of different countries.

JOHNNIE JONES
by DON RICO
I HOPE THIS ACT WORKS WITH THIS CHUMP!
GEE--JUMBO! GOSH! DON'T HIT ME--PLEASE! I DIDN'T MEAN TO BOP YOU ON THE HEAD WITH A BOTTLE!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, KID! I AIN'T SORE!
HE'S KICKED OFF HIS SHIP! I CAN USE THE CHUMP!
WHAT'S WITH YOU? WHERE YOU GOIN'?
AW--THE SKIPPER GOT SORE 'CAUSE I SAID THE JAPS GOT A CHANCE TO WIN THE WAR! WHAT A CHARACTER!
SO YOU'RE OUT OF A JOB--- C'MON TO MY JOINT! I'LL GIVE YOU WORK!
I CAN USE THIS DOPE TO GET INFO ON SHIPS FOR ME!
GEE--THANKS!
IT'S WORKIN'! NOW I'LL BE ABLE TO HELP THE F.B.I. FIND OUT WHO JUMBO SELLS HIS SPY INFO TO--- I HOPE!
ON BOARD THE 'MISTY QUEEN' FARREL, OF THE F.B.I., AND THE SKIPPER DISCUSS JOHNNIE---
THAT KID'S GOT A LOT OF GUTS WALKING INTO THE LION'S DEN LIKE THAT!
--AND A LOT MORE GUTS FOR LETTING THE CREW THINK HE'S FOR THE JAPS!
HE'S A CREDIT TO THE AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE AND TO HIS UNION! IT SHOWS HOW AMERICANS CAN FIGHT FOR VICTORY IN UNIFORM OR OUT!
LATER--AT JUMBO'S JOINT---
SO YOU'RE ON JUMBO'S PAYROLL, JOHNNIE! SORE AT ME ABOUT TAKING YOU FOR A SUCKER THE OTHER DAY?
IT'S ALL IN A DAY'S WORK, EH, ANNIE? BESIDES, I'M GRATEFUL TO JUMBO FOR GIVING ME A JOB---
KEEP YOUR EYE ON JONES, PETE! I DON'T TRUST HIM TOO MUCH YET!
OKAY!